

## PRESS RELEASE

FILE: 22-001484

INCIDENT: Robbery/Carjacking

DATE OF INCIDENT: March 1, 2022

TIME OF INCIDENT: 12:23 AM

LOCATION: Shell (4198 Lone Tree Way)

VICTIM(S): Male Adult (58)

SUSPECT(S): Anthony Valdez Jr (22)

Kiara Vasquez (22)

**ANTIOCH, CA.** On March 1, 2022, at approximately 12:23 AM, Antioch Police Officers located a vehicle on the 4000 block of Lone Tree Way that was related to an armed robbery and carjacking that occurred in the city of Cupertino.

Antioch Police Officers conducted a high-risk traffic stop on the vehicle where the driver, 22-year-old Anthony Valdez Jr, was initially compliant and yielded to officers. During the high-risk traffic stop, Valdez Jr fled the scene at a high rate of speed, leading officers on a vehicle pursuit.

Antioch Police Officers pursued the suspect vehicle for a short distance through city streets. The suspect vehicle entered the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue and Laurel Road and collided with a civilian vehicle in the intersection, disabling both vehicles. The victim motorist, a 58-year-old male from Sacramento, was transported to an area hospital for minor injuries.

Valdez Jr sustained non-life-threatening major injuries and was attended to by medical personnel at the scene before being transported to an area hospital. Additionally, the passenger in the suspect vehicle, 22-year-old Kiara Vasquez, sustained minor injuries and was also transported to an area hospital.

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office was notified and responded to continue their portion of the investigation. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is investigating the vehicle collision which is standard protocol when a vehicle collision is involved with a law enforcement vehicle pursuit.



This is an ongoing and active investigation; no further information will be released at this time.

This information is made available by the Support Services Division. Any further inquiries into the status of this case should be done via the Media Access Telephone Line 925-779-6874. Any further information or additional press releases will be provided by the Support Services Division.

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